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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001 please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the fourth paragraph, beginning on line 13, on page 4 with the following:

When the invention is used on wire form products, welding, soldering or brazing are appropriate construction techniques for the device. When plastic is used, the attaching device could be integrally formed by molding. It is possible to use adhesives to construct the device when it is made from metal, plastic or wood.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 and 20.

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